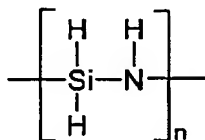


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A process for coating a surface with fluorosilanes or fluorosilane containing condensates, said process comprising

a) in a first step disposing on said surface a primer comprising fluorosilanes or fluorosilane containing condensates and a polysilazane solution which comprises a polysilazane of the formula 1



where n has been adjusted so that the polysilazane has a number-average molar mass of from 150 to 150 000 g/mol, and a solvent and a catalyst,

b) in a second step disposing on said surface fluorosilanes or fluorosilane containing condensates and

~~uring the primer~~ to provide ~~[[the]]~~a coated surface.

2.(Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, in which the polysilazane solution comprises from 0.001 to 35% by weight of the polysilazane.

3.(Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, in which the catalyst comprises from 0.00004 to 3.5% by weight of the polysilazane solution.

4.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the catalyst is selected

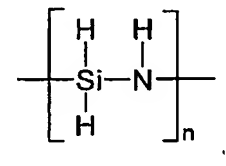
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from the group consisting of N-heterocyclic compounds, mono-alkylamines, di-alkylamines, and trialkylamines, organic acids, inorganic acids, metal carboxylates of the formula  $(\text{RCOO})_n\text{M}$  ~~[[of]]~~ wherein RCOO is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub> saturated or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub> unsaturated ~~or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub> [[,]]~~ aliphatic or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub> alicyclic carboxylic acid ~~acids where R = C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>, and metal ions M is a metal ion with charge n, acetylacetonate complexes of metal ions, metal powders with a particle size of from 20 to 500 nm, peroxides, metal chlorides, and organometallic compounds, ~~and mixtures thereof.~~~~

5.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, in which the solvent is selected from the group consisting of aromatic hydrocarbons, cyclic hydrocarbons, ~~[[and]]~~ aliphatic hydrocarbons, halogenated hydrocarbons, and ~~ethers, and mixtures thereof.~~

6.(Currently Amended) A process for producing a surface coated with fluorosilanes or with fluorine-containing condensates, by, in a first step, bringing the uncoated surface into contact with a composition which comprises a polysilazane of the formula 1,



where n has been adjusted so that the polysilazane has a number-average molar mass of from 150 to 150 000 g/mol.

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a solvent and a catalyst, and then, in a second step, bringing the surface obtained in the first step in contact with a fluorosilane compound or fluorine-containing condensate, and curing the composition to provide said coated surface.

7.(Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 6, in which the fluorosilane compound or fluorine-containing condensate is a perfluoroalkyl-containing compound selected from the group consisting of a silane compound of  $C_8F_{13}$ -alkylethyltriethoxysilane,  $C_8F_{17}$ -alkylethyltriethoxysilane,  $C_{10}F_{21}$ -alkylethyltriethoxysilane, [[and ]] $C_{12}F_{25}$ -alkylethyltriethoxysilane, and the corresponding methoxy, propoxy, butoxy, methoxyethoxy, and methoxydiethoxy, ~~methoxytriethoxy~~ compounds of said silane compound ~~compounds~~, and mixtures thereof.

8.(Previously Presented) A coated surface obtained by the process of claim 6.